

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on July 20, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139; NAY on Roll Call No. 140; NAY on Roll Call No. 141; NAY on Roll Call No. 142; and YEA on Roll call No. 143.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL'S AIR FORCE ROTC FOR RECEIVING UNIT OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, the mission of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is to develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serving their nation and community. Clinton High School AFJROTC did it in spades, and superbly.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 is in its 9th year of existence; the program consists of 107 cadets; 58 percent of the school students are on free/reduced cost lunch, and 2019 through 2020 has been a year of accolades, achievements, and superlatives. As of the coronavirus pandemic shutdown in mid-March, Clinton High TN 2011-1 had accumulated 565 Community Service Hours and 608 Leadership Development Hours. In addition, Cadets Dylan Montgomery and Dylan Butler both earned the Boy Scout Eagle award which also included extensive community service projects.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 has also displayed excellence in scholarship. Their academic team made the semi-finals for the Joint Leadership Academic Bowl for the third year in a row. Five of the top eight graduating seniors were AFJROTC cadets. Cadet Dylan Butler graduated third out of 300 and received a 4-year AFROTC scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the state university system's flagship school. Cadet Kaylee Puleo graduated fourth out of 300 and received an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point. Cadet Dylan Montgomery graduated fifth out of 300 and received a 4-year scholarship to The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Cadet Travis Vaughn graduated seventh out of 300 and was selected for the Nuclear Navy's submarine career track based on his GPA and ASVAP scores. Cadet Summer Sieber graduated eighth out of 300 and received a 4-year scholarship to The University of Tennessee at Knoxville's Tickle College of Engineering.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 has also shown excellence in leadership, with two cadets sitting on the Principal's Student Action Leadership Team and two cadets representing Clinton High School on the Anderson County School Board.

Clinton High TN 2011-1 also showed excellence in drill and ceremonies at the Daniel

Boone Drill Meet. They received the outstanding unit, Esprit de Corps, award, the color guard received third place, received third place in the All-Freshman Team unit inspection, and Cadet Dylan Butler came in second place for the individual knockout.

Finally, Clinton High TN 2011-1 has shown excellence in orienteering by coming in third place during the Anderson County High Orienteering Competition.

Clinton High School AFJROTC 2011-1 makes a difference. In spite of growing up in challenging economic, family, and educational backgrounds, they exemplify the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps' mission to develop citizens of character who are dedicated to serving their nation and community; personify the Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do, and merit selection as the Air Force Association AFJROTC Unit of the Year for 2020.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLIDAY GRILL CONEY ISLAND

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Holiday Grill Coney Island on its twenty-fifth anniversary. This wonderful milestone is worthy of commendation and celebration.

Holiday Grill was founded in 1995 by John Mourselas. Twenty-five years later, Holiday Grill continues to be a cherished Dearborn institution that is beloved by many. Throughout the community, Holiday Grill is recognized for its delectable food, attentive and friendly staff, and welcoming ambiance that draws customers in and brings people together. Located in the heart of Dearborn, Holiday Grill has undoubtedly become a pillar of the community. Many patrons are regulars who have frequented the restaurant for decades, and even newcomers are made to feel like lifelong friends.

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Holiday Grill has given our community a reason to celebrate. Holiday Grill has provided a sense of comfort, community, and normalcy in a time of unprecedented strife. Their demonstrated commitment to serving the community is immensely appreciated and is something we all should strive to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Holiday Grill Coney Island in Dearborn, Michigan. Holiday Grill has been a community favorite for years, and we wish the restaurant continued success in the years ahead.

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HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, due to limited flight schedules from COVID-related travel

restrictions, I was not present in the House during the first vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 139, and NAY on Roll Call No. 140.

WILLIAM M. (MAC) THORNBERRY
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

SPEECH OF

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my amendment, floor amendment 272 in en bloc two, which provides clarity to a decades-long controversy about funding for Fleet Readiness Centers. These Naval facilities on Marine bases are major national security assets for the United States. My amendment would clarify that military construction projects at FRCs, including FRC-East in my district, must be funded by the Department of the Navy rather than by the Marine Corps itself. FRCs are naval facilities that work on naval aircraft. That said, their construction projects should be paid for by the Department of the Navy. Military construction projects at FRCs have been starved for decades due to this bureaucratic confusion.

Most of the industrial buildings at FRC-East are more than 50 years old because of this uncertainty. This lack of core investment can directly degrade the long-term readiness related to Marine Corps and Naval aviation. I thank the committee for including this amendment and I urge my colleagues to support it en bloc.

HONORING LIEUTENANT GENERAL
TODD T. SEMONITE

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, we rise today to honor an American who has made his life's work to be of service to this country. It is our pleasure to honor Lieutenant General Todd Thurston Semonite, Commanding General and 54th Chief of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, on his military retirement after three decades of service. We would like to thank him for his dedication to this nation, and his family for the personal sacrifices they have made for the betterment of our country.

Lieutenant General Semonite's many accolades, awards, and achievements are already well known. He is an engineer from the start, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned into the United States Army Corps of Engineers upon graduation in 1979. General Semonite quickly gained recognition for his engineering skills and his leadership abilities as reflected in his various Command posts, domestic and abroad. Semonite's awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Award, Legion of Merit, and a Bronze Star. There are many defining moments in his outstanding career. Yet it is in